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SUBJECT: FOREIGN SECRETARY SHAHI'S REMARKS ON NON-  
PROLIFERATION

REF: ISLAMABAD 3790

1. I HAVE SPOKEN SHARPLY TO SHAHI ABOUT HIS PRESS BRIEFING ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING THE "HYPOCRISY OF CERTAIN GOVERNMENTS IN THEIR PROFESSION OF CONCERNS ABOUT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION." I TOLD HIM I FOUND BOTH THE TONE AND CONTENT OF THE PUBLISHED ACCOUNT SHOCKING AND EXPRESSED MY CONCERN AT HIS APPARENT WILLINGNESS TO BASE FINDS ON AS IMPORTANT A MATTER AS PROLIFERATION ON UNVERIFIED PRESS STORIES AND HIGHLY QUESTIONABLE THEORETICAL ASSUMPTIONS. I MENTIONED, AND NOT ALTOGETHER IN JEST, THAT COMMENTS LIKE THIS MIGHT WELL CAUSE GRIEF FOR AMBASSADOR YAQUB.

2. SHAHI MADE SOME EFFORT TO CLAIM THAT NEWSMEN HAD EXAGGERATED HIS COMMENTS (I'M NOT AT ALL CONVINCED THAT THIS WAS THE CASE) AND OFFERED APOLOGIES. IT MAY BE TOO LATE, HOWEVER, FOR HIM TO TURN OFF THE PRESS, WHICH HAS BEEN TRAINED TO PICK UP ITEMS LIKE THIS FOR EDITORIAL TREATMENT, EVEN SHOULD HE TRY TO DO SO.

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3. I'M INCLINED NOW TO LET THE MATTER DROP. SHAHI HAS GOT THE MESSAGE LOUD AND CLEAR, AND I DON'T SEE MUCH PURPOSE AT THIS POINT IN REEMPHASIZING IT WITH THE PAKS IN WASHINGTON. WE HAVE NOT, IN ANY EVENT, HEARD THE LAST ON THE NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUE AND ITS FALLOUT. AS I'VE WRITTEN EARLIER, IT COULD WELL BECOME THE MAJOR PROBLEM IN PAK-US BILATERAL RELATIONS WE WILL FACE IN COMING MONTHS, AND SHAHI'S PROVOCATIVE REMARKS MAY BE ONLY A FORERUNNER OF FURTHER TROUBLE.  
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